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1. As of mid-April 1952 some of the artillery units along the Canton-Kowloon railroad from Shench'uan (114-08, 22-32) to Changmut'ou (114-06, 22-53) were units of the 41 Army; the rest were under the 44 Army. These units were equipped mostly with Japanese artillery pieces and a few Soviet SU-76 self-propelled guns.

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2. On 9 April, 150 Japanese horses and 200 Chinese ponies arrived in Canton by rail from the north, and shortly thereafter were distributed to Chinese Communist artillery units in south Kwangtung. This is in result to a recent request by Kwangtung military authorities for animals as well as vehicles to replace heavy losses of mules and horses. A total of 1,400 mules and horses of Chinese Communist military units in Kwangtung died between 1 March 1950 and 31 March 1952.

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3. On 22 April arms and ammunition, including 30 x 76 mm mortars¹ and 5,000 Model 1938 carbines,² were shipped from Whampoa to Swatow for use by the 41 Army.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly an error for the Japanese 70 mm mortar.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Possibly an error for the Japanese Model 38 (1905)
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